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Mr. Richard Blubaugh  
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RE: Revegetation Testing  
Atlas Minerals  
Far West Mine  
ACT/037/019  
San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Blubaugh:

The Division staff has reviewed your May 25, 1982, letter regarding a proposed alternative to revegetation test plots. The alternative approach of revegetating a specific minesite after research into appropriate methods is basically acceptable. However, it will still be the Division's policy that reclamation procedures be tested on both types of rock formations that Atlas has mined. This may be accomplished by importing waste rock from the other formation to the specific mine site that will be revegetated, or by revegetating two separate sites.

The Division staff would be glad to consult with you further on this matter at this time or after a preliminary literature review has been made. We look forward to working closely with you in the future to assure that the potential for successful reclamation is achieved.

Sincerely,

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cc: Tom Tetting

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